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SUBJECT: PEMEX'S OFFSHORE DRILLING PROGRAM

1. PEMEX CURRENTLY HAS SEVEN DRILLING RIGS OR SHIPS WORKING IN THE GULF OF CAMPECHE. TWO SHIPS ARE OWNED AND OPERATED BY PEMEX; THE RIGS ARE LEASED.
2. PROTEXA HAS BEEN DRILLING AT THE CHAC-1 SITE WITH A JACK UP FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. IT WILL START DRILLING WITH THE DRILL SHIP DARWOOD ICE OFF BAJA CALIFORNIA IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
3. TWO JACK UPS OPERATED BY OFFSHORE SERVICES ARE ALSO DRILLING IN THE GULF. THE SEDCO 135, A SEMI-SUBMERSIBLE, AND TWO JACK UPS OPERATED BY ROWEN DRILLING AND ERNESTO MURPHY, A MEXICO CITY BUSINESSMAN WITH A BACKGROUND IN CONSTRUCTION, SHOULD BE IN OPERATION BY OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER.

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4. A RECENT BLOWOUT DID HEAVY DAMAGE TO THE DERRICK OF THE PEMEX DRILL SHIP, REVOLUCION. SHIP IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING REPAIRS AND MODIFICATIONS AT AN UNIDENTIFIED U.S. PORT.

5. PEMEX IS LIKELY TO AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR

TWO PRODUCTION PLATFORMS TO ICA. THEY WILL PROBABLY BE BUILT IN TAMPICO. MEXICAN SHIPYARDS COULD HANDLE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO TO FIVE PLATFORMS PER YEAR.

6. PROTEXA IS STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING AN OFFSHORE PIPE LAYING BARGE AND EXPECTS TO MAKE A DECISION BY OCTOBER 15. BARGE WOULD BE CAPABLE OF OPERATING IN MODERATELY SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS. WHILE ITS INITIAL OPERATIONS WOULD PROBABLY BE CONFINED TO MEXICAN WATERS, THE COMPANY WANTS A VESSEL WHICH COULD COMPETE FOR CONTRACTS THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA. THOMPSON

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